

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – March 1, 2012
DPW Conference Room – Danvers Town Hall, One Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Edmund Kowalski, at the Danvers Town Hall in the DPW Conference Room at 7:00 P.M. with the reading of the public notice, posted by the Town Clerk. Also in attendance were: Dr. Kellard, Member; Martha Swindell, Member; Peter Mirandi, Director of Public Health. Ms. Molly Buccini was also present from the Danvers Patch.

ADMINISTRATIVE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Kellard motioned to approve the February 2, 2012 meeting minutes. Mr. Kowalski seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

PERMITS AND LICENSING

Mr. Mirandi reported that a total of 172 Food Establishment Permits have been issued. Mirandi added that Inspector Mark Carleo sent letters and \$25 fines to 151 Food Establishments who were delinquent. There are 50 establishments that are still showing expired, 13 have not filled out an application on line and 37 have not paid. Twenty-Five percent are operating with a permit that expired on January 1, 2012. This brings a total of 232 total food establishment permits generating approximately \$30,000 so far.

PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH VIOLATIONS/NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. Mirandi stated that there were 10 complaints reported; 5 complaints are pending from the previous month. Hi-lighted cases include the following: 1 air quality, 2 housing, 1 pest control, 2 food safety complaints, 2 solid waste. Wal-Mart garden center had a complaint of mice sightings. Mr. Mirandi stated that the Board of Health has a zero tolerance for mice infestation in food aisles, but pest management in the garden center requires a plan to limit the population. Mirandi stated a second notice was served to the hoarder from last month and a follow up report will be presented at the April meeting.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES REPORT

Mr. Mirandi stated that he had met with Nurse Christina O'Shea. Even though no cases of influenza have been reported in MAVEN for Danvers, the Salem News stated that the flu cases have been reported on the North Shore. 130 doses of flu vaccine are on hand if needed. The Board is in agreement to issue the flu vaccine to people if requested.

Mr. Mirandi stated that key staff attended a MAVEN (MA Virtual Epidemiological Network) training session. While it was reported during the training that this system is 100% reliable, it has been his experience that it not available 100% of the time.

Mr. Mirandi reported that Nurse O'Shea recently completed her CPR training and remains certified.

She is seeing 55 people for blood pressure monitoring every month. She also attends the Community Care meetings.

EPIDEMIOLOGIST REPORT

Mr. Mirandi reported the following diseases: There was 1 disease reported since the last meeting on February 2, 2012: Hepatitis C.

Mr. Mirandi added that there were two (2) outbreaks of norovirus reported at separate nursing homes. Mirandi reported that Mrs. Myers sat in on the Mass DPH Working Group for Enteric Diseases and concluded that confirming or finding a source causing this illness is not possible at this time.

	Since Last Meeting (12/01/11)	Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2011)
Aeromonas Hydrophilia	0	0
Anaplasmosis	0	4
Babesiosis	0	0
Campylobacter Enteritis	0	7
Chicken Pox	0	0
Clostridium Difficile	0	0
Cryptosporidium	0	0
Dengue Fever	0	0
EColi 0157:H7	0	0
Ehrlichiosis	0	0
Erlichia Chaff.	0	0
Enterovirus	0	0
Giardiasis	0	0
Group A Strept	0	1
Group B Strept	0	0
Hepatitis A	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	2
Hepatitis C	1	4
Influenza	0	2
Latent TB Infection	0	0
Legionellosis	0	0
Lyme Disease	0	2
Malaria	0	0
M.R.S.A.	0	0
Aseptic Meningitis	0	0
Bacterial Meningitis	0	0
Neisseria Meningitis	0	0
Pertussis	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0
Salmonellosis	0	0
Shigellosis	0	0
Streptococcus pneumonia	0	1
Toxoplasma IGG	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	0
Tuberculosis follow up	0	0
West Nile Virus	0	1
Yersinia Enterocolytica	0	0

TOTAL =	1	24

ANIMAL HEALTH

Mr. Mirandi reported that Strays in Need caring for one stray dog and there were two dog bites since last meeting. The popular press dedicated an entire week addressing pet owners' responsibility to

manage dog waste.

Mr. Mirandi also informed the Board that Animal Control Officer, Mike Plunkett, has begun to respond to wildlife issues on private property. This service gives rise to his concern about the budget for Animal Control. Mrs. Swindell asked that he look into a possible grant.

TOBACCO CONTROL UPDATE

Mrs. Swindell informed the Board that she met with Joyce Redford, the Tobacco Control Director for the region. Her report included machines that retailers are buying and charging a fee to customers who want to roll their own cigarettes. The cost for a carton is \$30.00, or for a pack is \$3.00. The Board was interested in the Tobacco Control compliance checks. Joyce Redford told Swindell that 100% of compliance checks were completed last year. This year, they only have 50% funded for Joyce Redford to do and the FDA does the other 50%. Joyce will be preparing a report and getting it to the Board. However, the FDA does not report violations to the local Boards of Health.

Mrs. Swindell also stated that Redford spoke about e-cigarettes. This item generates a vapor whose properties are not known at this time. There are no regulations on these e-cigarettes but many local health departments are showing an interest in instituting some restrictions.

Next, Mrs. Swindell added there is a product called “HI-Tea” that is laced with the plant salvia. It is being marketed in a package that resembles condom packaging and costs \$25.00.

Finally, Mrs. Swindell added that the legalizing marijuana for medicinal purposes is being discussed. Danvers Cares is against this. Mr. Mirandi recommended that the BOH should hear from the medical community before taking a position on this proposed legislation.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Mr. Mirandi informed the Board that local health departments are preparing to care for animals during an emergency. In recent emergencies it was learned that people do not evacuate without taking their pets. Mr. Mirandi would like to see Animal Care Specialist, Jean Marcotti more involved with this since she is knowledgeable on this subject. Mr. Mirandi reported that local animal shelters are not prepared to take in animals in the event of an Emergency.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

44 Maple Street Dumpsters

Mr. Mirandi reported that his call to the Attorney for Dunkin Donuts resulted in an immediate reply from JRM solid waste services. He fully expects that the dumpster in question will be replaced by the next Board meeting.

OTHER

Request for Variance

The Olive Garden

Mrs. Swindell motioned to accept the request for a variance for The Olive Garden to prepare reduced oxygen packaging of cook/chill product on site. Dr. Kellard seconded. All were in favor of the approved HACCP plan and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Dr. Kellard motioned to adjourn. Swindell seconded. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Janell Powers
Board of Health Clerk